

# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified granting all women in the United States the right to vote; since 1971, when the United States Congress designated August 26<sup>th</sup> as Women's Equality Day, we have recognized the struggle for equal rights for women; and

WHEREAS, women have used their influence to create organizations devoted to promoting equality for all and to strengthening democracy; and

WHEREAS, women as elected officials at all levels of government have helped to shape public policy and address the concerns of women from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, since our nation's inception, women have fought for equality and the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, in 1869, Wyoming became the first territory to grant women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the United States suffrage movement involved the efforts of dedicated women and men of all races and from all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, today women are consistently one of the largest voter groups in national elections; and

WHEREAS, August 26, 2010, marks the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2010, as "**WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-second day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.